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ARMED SUSPECT SHOT DURING CONFRONTATION WITH POLICE

A Milwaukee Police officer shot a 21-year-old man who he believed was reaching for a gun in his waistband during a confrontation with the officer in a gangway in the 3100 block of N. 10th St. at 6:30 p.m. May 26, 2009. The suspect had been released from jail just hours earlier where he was being held on a drug charge.

Uniformed officers responded to a call for a subject with a gun at a home in the 3100 block of N. 10th St. at 6:30 p.m. Upon arrival, one officer confronted the suspect in a gangway next to the home. Witnesses heard the officer order the suspect to put his hands in the air. When the suspect did that, the officer saw a handgun in the suspect's waistband.

While this was occurring, a pit bull came charging out of a side door of the home and ran past the officer. The subject made a move toward the gun in his waistband and the officer discharged his weapon, striking the suspect in the arm and the leg. The suspect's injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

Meanwhile, the pit bull charged at other officers who were forced to shoot the animal, killing it. Another pit bull in the home also was shot and killed when it charged at officers. A female in the home was struck by pellets when officers were forced to shoot one of the dogs. She was being treated at a local hospital for very superficial wounds.

The suspect has an arrest record for drugs, burglary and operating an auto after revocation. He also was wanted by Milwaukee Police for questioning in connection with two other crimes.

The officer who shot the suspect is 35 years old with eight years of service on the Milwaukee Police Department.

As is standard operating procedure, the incident is under investigation by the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, and both the officers who fired shots during the incident that struck the woman and the suspect, were placed on administrative duty pending the completion of the investigation. The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office will make the final determination in the incident.

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